

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Decision on Appeal issued January 29, 2009. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 15-25 and 27-87 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has indicated that Claims 1-14 and 26 are patentably distinct from the cited prior art. To advance prosecution, Claims 1-14 and 26 are maintained in the present Application and Claims 15-25, 27, and 28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to be pursued in a continuation application. In addition, Withdrawn Claims 29-87 subject to the election/restriction requirement are canceled from this Application in order to be pursued in a divisional application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-14 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

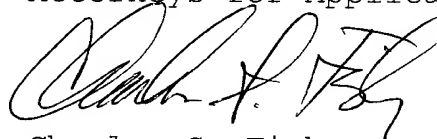
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-14 and 26.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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